

TRADITIONS

Modern

Ancient

The Holly and the Ivy

from Romans 1:18-23

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

from Matthew 10:16-39

Deck the Hall

from Proverbs 31:1-9, Proverbs 23:20-21

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

from Proverbs 3:27-28, James 2:14-17

Good King Wenceslas

from Luke 14:16-24, 1 Corinthians 6:11

Christmas, Ancient and Modern

a presentation in two parts

Drawing contrasts between what we are used to and what the Bible says, we see a clearer picture of Jesus and His birth.

First, a look at ancient and modern mid-winter traditions celebration, family, feasting and generosity.

Second, we look at the popular "Manger Scene" and see how the story of the birth of Christ is actually *two* stories.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Choir

Matthew 1:18-25

SILENT NIGHT

Choir

Luke 2:8-16

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Men's Trio

Matthew 2

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Choir

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

HYMN 87 JOY TO THE WORLD

Congregation seated, with Choir *verse one*

Galatians 4:4-5

HYMN 93 HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Congregation standing, with Choir *verse one*

Please Remain Standing

1 John 2:1-2; John 5:24

Closing Prayer